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Saving Our Sites Preserving Our Past

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## LETTER FROM THE SHPO—Jim Garrison

### 100 Years of Statehood

Arizona is 100 years old! Yes we're celebrating our "Centennial." But the historic resources and sites that are often most threatened are those properties well over 100 years old, even several thousand years old. As we focus on our state's patrimony where do we want to be in the year 2112, another 100 years from now? Will our record of the past be completely digital?

There are those who feel it is time to construct the complete digital record of every archaeological excavation and record all the artifacts through digital photography and make them electronically available to all archaeologists around the world. There are those who feel we need make laser scans of every archaeological ruin to capture precise digital measurements. And there are those who feel we need to document the rate of environmental change and the full impact of visitation to archaeological sites.

It would appear we are now obsessed by digital data. Even our analysis of election results is reduced to numbers, polling data and percentages, very little discussion of the issues and how to solve complex problems in the future. Even facts are now questioned as facts.

Philosophically the "DIKW hierarchy" can help frame the issue of what and how to preserve the past either digitally or in reality. Traced back to an unknown author (Mortimer Adler, T.S. Elliot or Russell Ackoff) the hierarchy poses the question: Is society now focused on DATA instead of INFORMATION? And in the nineties were we focused on INFORMATION instead of KNOWLEDGE? And in the Renaissance were we focused on KNOWLEDGE instead of WISDOM (Data, Information, Knowledge, Wisdom, DIKW).

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## ***Reminiscences : The Santa Rita Abbey Story***

*As told by Sister Pam Fletcher to Donna Tang, Tucson Region, and with thanks to Mother Miriam, Former Prioress of the Abbey & Sr Victoria Murray, Current Prioress of the Abbey.*

I made a trip out to Santa Rita Abbey on Thursday, March 15th, to deliver site steward tee shirts to the stewards out there, and to finally meet and visit with them. Sister Pam Fletcher, who was one of the original sisters who are stewards, gave me a tour of the abbey and of one of the sites they monitor. She was incredibly welcoming and informative, and I finally got the whole story of the Abbey and their archaeological stewardship.

It all began in the early 1990s, when a developer who planned to subdivide it bought the land adjacent to their Abbey. This prospect did not appeal to the sisters, since it would intrude on their monastic privacy. Through lengthy negotiations with the developer, the Forest Service, and the Cistercian Order, they were able to effect a land swap and acquire the acreage for the Abbey, so that now they own a full section on Fish Canyon Rd. Because significant archaeological resources were found on the land, one of the conditions of the swap was that they had to conserve the sites. The agreement with the Forest Service was for some of the nuns to be trained as Stewards and to oversee the monitoring and the training of others as time went on. Sister Pam and the others were trained in 1996 or 1997 by Jim McDonald of the Forest Service and by Kay Rosenow, who was the Regional Coordinator for Tucson at that time. Sister Pam has trained others since then, and some have been able to attend the regular training sessions that Region 6 does.

I walked out with Sister Pam over some of the Abbey land to the nearest site. I observed a great deal of lithics scattered over every inch of the way, and some of it appeared to be Archaic. The site we went to is marked by clumps of sacaton grass that are indicators for Hohokam pithouse locations, and several were clearly observed, surrounding what clearly was a plaza area. I easily found small pottery sherds with micaceous temper on the surface around the sacaton. This was obviously a significant Hohokam habitation site, and it is only one of several sites on the Abbey land. Sister Pam says the others include an agricultural site with rock piles, and a chipping station with flakes. They regularly check these sites to ensure that they are not disturbed or vandalized, and report their monitoring activity online. They're doing a great job and are very enthusiastic about their work!

So, I thought it would be helpful to share this information with you and assure you that the Santa Rita Abbey has significant archaeological resources that are being competently monitored. They are all praying, too, that the Rosemont Mine proposal never comes to fruition, and the beautiful Santa Rita Mountains remain unspoiled.



### Conference Award Winners

Congrats to all our nominees and winners. It was very difficult for the committee to choose. But, here are our final award winners.

<i>Award Title</i>	<i>Recipient</i>	<i>Region</i>
Land Manager of the Year:	Sandra Arazi-Coombs	Northeastern
R. C. of the Year:	Robin Rutherford	Tucson
Asst R.C. of the Year:	Christine Tetzloff & the Payson Committee	Payson
Reg. Support Steward	Michael Gleeson	Tucson
Outstanding Steward of the Year:	Richard Logsdon	Az. Strip
Outstanding New Stew. of the Year:	Glenn Studevant	Tucson
Thief of Time Award:	Ella & Roy Pierpoint	Tonapah
Appreciation Award:	Pete Reilly & Mark Millman	Prescott
Angel Award:	Malcolm McGregor	Tucson
Life Time Achievement Award:	John Parsons	Northeastern
Dwight Riggs Memorial Award:	Sharon Popp	Kingman
Research Project of the Year	Rock Band	Tucson

### WE HAVE SOME WINNERS!

Pam Gilbert won the beautiful quilt in our lottery at the site steward conference while Brad Heap won the gambling weekend down in Fort Verde. Congratulations to you both.

We also have several stewards/land managers who were nominated for the Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission Awards. Nominated for Site Steward of the Year was Jill McCormick, Yuma Region RC who was the winner, Robin Rutherford, RC for Tucson Region, Judy Stoycheff, RC for Prescott Region and Larry Tice, Central Region. Sandy Haddock was nominated for Avocational Archaeologist.

Adrianne Rankin, Luke Air Force Base Land Manager, won the government agency award. Connie Stone, Land Manager BLM, won the lifetime achievement award from the Historic Preservation Conference.



Letter from SHPO, cont.

If society is moving toward a digital reality, how do we communicate our concerns about “preserving the past.” Marshall McClune was probably right back in the 60s that “the Medium is the Message” and we have to be ready to meet the next generation on their terms. But if their terms are virtual, will the real environment and its related cultural resources be important?

The answer must lie in the concept of stewardship. Stewardship is a relative new word in the English language. Hopefully the preservation ethic embodied in the Site Steward training will be adopted by the next generation and the conservation of our collective heritage will be a foundation upon which the future will rest. Public education seems like the only wise thing to do.

Jim Garrison--SHPO

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*Dr. Douglas Craig, President*



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Conference Held at Homolovi & La Posada

Our annual conference was held at Homolovi, the first site in the site steward program. (See photo below) It was a great success with 130 people attending. We hope you enjoy the additional photos that are on our website.





## Region 6

I would like to acknowledge two awards given out by Region 6 for 2012.

Donna Tang for her assistant regional coordinator work and with the Region 6 website. Donna made sure that all hours for all stewards of Region 6 (approximately 150 stewards) were recorded properly, helped deal with website problems, made sure that the land managers received their quarterly hours' reports until the State was able to create its own website and helped train land managers and AZ State Parks on how to use the website. She kept Region 6 running smoothly for a number of years. She has been a steward for over 10 years and now sits on the Board for Archaeology SW.

The other award went to Mike Foley Region 6 Site Steward of the Year-for his incredible determination to patrol Indian Town and keep it safe from vandalism. Mike had won the State Parks awards for New Steward of the Year and the Thief of Time award. This past year alone he recorded 468 hours in 84 site visits-the most site visit hours of any site steward in Region 6. Mike has only been a site steward since the fall of 2008 and has recorded 1340 total hours. We think he is pretty amazing.

*Robin Rutherford*- Regional Coordinator Tucson

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## Region 37

Lake Havasu region had an interesting meeting In February, with a presentation about the ancestral Patayans along the Colorado River basin. Local BLM archeologist, George Shannon, provided information on a new agave roasting site he has been studying.

Our local group has recently been more involved in public outreach programs, including one at the local museum. In March, Gene & Linda Rohn, asst. regional coordinators, participated in the annual Geo Cache Bash at Cattail Cove State Park. This was an official Arizona Centennial event. Dick & Jenny Anderson later gave another program at Cattail Cove and detailed how site stewards are another group of Az. State Parks volunteers!

*Jenny Anderson*—Regional Coordinator Lake Havasu

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## Regions 9A & 9P

We added 12 new site stewards to the Maricopa regions this spring. We also took in 18 new sites. We would like to welcome Robert Wisener and the Town of Buckeye as our newest Land Manager. We are planning crime scene training in October and hope everyone can attend.

*Kristen McLean & Greg Davies*—RCs Salt River & Central

## May 12<sup>th</sup> Revitalization

Stewards from Agua Fria, Cave Creek, Central, Hassayampa, Salt River, and Tonopah had their biannual revitalization at Lake Pleasant on Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>.

BOR archaeologist, Dave Gifford, was the guest speaker and spoke on the state of BOR sites and future plans. We also discussed the changes in the website. Lunch was served and we viewed some petroglyphs. Altogether, 45 people attended. Special thanks to the Lake Pleasant Outdoors Educational Center for hosting the event.



## *Regional News Continued*

### **Region 20 West**

Because of the size of our district, Region 20 is now Region 20 East and Region 20 West. We are still the coordinators of 20 West, but 20 East is now under the very capable guidance of Brad Heap as regional coordinator. We will still combine special functions, like our annual appreciation pot luck, but expansion of stewardship on the east side will now be facilitated by the change. Many, many thanks to Brad for taking over the eastern region.

We were very pleased and proud that Richard Logsdon was selected as the Site Steward of the Year. Richard is always enthusiastic and dedicated and has logged over 1000 hours - truly a well-deserved honor. Congratulations!!!!

We are fortunate to have many conscientious site stewards in our region, typically monitoring very remote sites. Thank you to everyone!

*Roger & Lesley McPeck, RCs—Arizona Strip West*

## **Region 9H**

The highpoint of this quarter was a very successful Centennial event on February 14, 2012 by the Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument, Site Stewards from three regions, and the BLM to complete this very important historic project. The 1891 schoolhouse site is now open to the public complete with an interpretive sign and brochures. From the sign-in register box it appears that there are many people visiting this site with some interesting comments. Our thanks to everyone for their dedication and their passion for saving this important part of our pre-statehood history.

*Shelly Rasmussen, RC Hassayampa Region*

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## **Region 14**

The Payson region was planning a group outing to Sycamore Creek Ruin on April 14, but this was aborted, due to the prospect of rain, sleet and wind on a long, clay/dirt road. We have rescheduled this event for May 5. Only a week later on April 21, 5 new site stewards were trained. In contrast to the 40 degree temperatures that aborted our group event the week prior, the temperature hit about 100 degrees in the same area, only a week later. Scott Wood assisted with the training. Though this is the fourth talk of Scott's I have heard, I always still hear many new things. Five stewards from the Payson region also attended the State meeting in Winslow and we greatly enjoyed the opportunity to see Homolovi II and the appreciation expressed by Chuck Adams for all that we do as site stewards.

We are working on putting together a crisis/response team, as we have many stewards who are only in the Payson area for part of the year, and if vandalism happens while there is limited coverage, we need a way to respond. If anyone else who was not at the State conference has any ideas about how to implement this, please contact me at [lccogoff@msn.com](mailto:lccogoff@msn.com).

*Chris Tetzloff—Payson Regional Coordinator*



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### Conference photos



John Parson, Northeast Region, accepts his Life Time Achievement award from Jim Garrison, SHPO



Brad Heap, new Regional Coordinator for Arizona Strip East, receives his 4,000 hour award from Kristen McLean, Site Steward Coordinator.



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### Conference Photos, cont.



The Rock Band Project from Tucson are the first ever recipients of the Research Project of the Year Award.



Jim Garrison presents Pete Reilly & Mark Millman with the Appreciation Award.

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Conference photos, cont.



Robin Rutheroord accepts the Regional Coordinator of the year award from Jim Garrison



Robin Rutheroord receives the Angel Award for Malcolm McGregor from Jim Garrison



### Region

On May 19th, a new site steward training was held at the Cascabel Community Center. Twenty-two new and existing San Pedro Region Site Stewards attended, along with invited existing Tucson Region Site Stewards and their non-steward spouses. As a result, a total of 10 individuals joined the Site Steward Program. In the morning, we were treated to a unique field experience lead by Mr. Daniel Baker, Cascabel resident, site steward, and naturalist. He explained and showed us the natural history of the region, what makes the San Pedro area unique, and provided historical and archaeological information about the site. We appreciated his field trip!

Many thanks, too, to San Pedro Site Stewards Ms. Bonnie Bell and Ms. Maria Troutner, both from Cascabel, for their assistance with hosting this training; their organizational skills and friendly welcoming were invaluable. Ms. Kristen McLean traveled all the way from Phoenix to provide the training and generously donated water bottles, lunch, snacks, and water for the group. It was a fun and informative day in a truly beautiful and distinctive part of Arizona.

*Beth Krueger—RC San Pedro*





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